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Smuggling on Indo-Bangladesh Border
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the presence of large number of smugglers indulging in fake Indian currency notes, gold, cattle, drugs and essential items have been reported along
the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported, smugglers arrested and quantum of smuggled items seized during last three years and the current year;

(c) whether Border Security Force and Border Guard of Bangladesh are now preparing to create a database of criminals to track the criminals indulging in illegal activities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of vulnerable stretches identified on the said border along with the time by which the work on sealing the said stretches will be started and completed; and

(f) the measures taken to provide more powers to BSF to check smuggling at borders along with the other steps taken to check smuggling on the said border?

Answer

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(a) & (b) The details of seizure of Fake Indian Currency Notes(FICN) Gold, Animal, Drugs and weapons during last three years and current Year (upto 31.10.2016) on Indo-Bangladesh Border(IBB)are placed at Annexure.
(c) & (d) The Director Generals of Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) do exchange booklets containing all the details of criminals/smugglers with each other during BSF & BGB level talks every year.
(e) Vulnerable stretches are identified and reviewed time to time from the point of view of cross border crimes and such stretches are plugged/strengthened by deploying additional manpower, Special Surveillance Equipments, vehicles, other infrastructure support and force multiplier as per requirement.
(f) BSF is equipped with required powers to check smuggling at Borders. The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to check smuggling at the Indo-Bangladesh Border(IBB). The arrangements include deployment of Border Security Forces (BSF), construction of border fence, constructions of border roads, installations of floodlights, construction of Border Out Posts (BOPs), introduction of Hi-Tech surveillance equipments, providing weapons and Specialised Vehicles to Security Forces, etc.

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